

City of Missoula

Joint Moose Can Gully / South 39th St. Neighborhood Council Leadership Team – Meeting Minutes

Date: March 25, 2019 6:00 PM

Location: Hal Fraser Conference Room - 140 W. Pine Street

Present: Ariel Cornelius, Carol Garlington, David Touchette, Paul Kilzer, Jeff Stevens,

Others present: Jane Kelly, Office of Neighborhoods; Bob Hayes, Missoula Storm Water Superintendent; Julie Armstrong, City Council Member; Don Henrikson and Karen Henrikson, South 39th Street; John Nugent, Moose Can Gully

The meeting was moderated by Jeff Stevens. It was called to order at 6:00 PM.

1. Existing Storm Water Infrastructure and Systems: Bob Hayes gave a presentation on the Missoula Storm Water Utility (formed in October 2016), which maintains the storm water drainage system. He stressed the importance of avoiding pollutants in the rain and snowmelt that enters the drainage system, since this water feeds our aquifer or is discharged into the rivers. To address concerns of attendees who live near the proposed Hillview Crossing development, Mr. Hayes focused on storm water drainage in the Wapikiya area and pledged to inspect the Wapikiya Park/Saranac drains and sumps following recent snowmelt and pooling. He offered reassurances that, if the Hillview Crossing proposal is approved, it will be required to comply with development regulations specifying that storm water cannot come off the hillside faster than it does now; and, when asked to do so, the Storm Water Utility will assure that the Hillview Crossing development proposal meets these requirements.

2. Discussion of Minutes: There is unresolved controversy between two Leadership Team members over the minutes that have been drafted for recent meetings. A draft and a redraft of the 1/9/2019 Meeting minutes were prepared, but only the latter was available for review. Both will be provided to Leadership Team members for their review.

3. Approval of January 9, 2019 meeting minutes: ...tabled until the April meeting to allow review.

4. Review of Leadership Team roles and scheduling of meetings: Ariel stated that she is willing to hand off the role of secretary. Paul agreed to take minutes of this meeting and, in view of the Leadership Team members currently absent, motioned that we table the selection of a secretary until the next meeting. This was seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

After discussing scheduling of meetings, members agreed to change from an “as needed” schedule to bimonthly meetings (i.e. every two months) on the 4th Monday.

5. Honeysuckle Park Update: In a 12/1/2016 South 39th Street Neighborhood Leadership Team meeting (see [minutes](#)), Jeff Stevens’ proposals for Honeysuckle Park improvements were discussed. Budgetary limitations were apparent. The meeting adjourned with a plan to prepare an opinion survey to define neighborhood residents’ views on Honeysuckle Park. Donna Gaukler drafted a survey in February 2017 and requested input. No subsequent activity was apparent until the Honeysuckle Park Improvement proposal was brought up by Mark Foss at the 1/24/2019 Community Forum (See [1/24/2019 Community Forum video](#) starting at 36:00 minutes). In discussing this at our 3/25/2019 meeting, Jeff Stevens acknowledged the budgetary limitations that currently preclude the envisioned Honeysuckle Park improvements.

6. Sidewalks, mailboxes, overhanging vegetation, and street parking: In answer to an email from a Moose Can Gully resident, Jane briefly summarized these topics:

- a. For overhanging vegetation/visibility obstruction (line of sight) violations, call Development Services; Code Compliance—552-6630 See Missoula Municipal Code [12.28.110](#) and [Visibility Obstruction Triangles](#).
- b. Streets may not be used for storage. Motor vehicles left over 120 hours (5 days) can be reported to the Police Department: Annie Nordby—552-6293 or anordby@ci.missoula.mt.us A motor vehicle left over 120 hours and reported to the Police Department will be tagged by volunteers who will return the following week to see if the vehicle is still there. If it is, they will take pictures and turn it in for towing.
- c. To report boats, campers, trailers or illegal camping call 911. The reason to call 911 is that is the only way that an officer can be dispatched.

7. Public Comment on non-agenda items: While no additional public comments were made, Ariel made the following comments:

- a. Pedestrian danger: Except for its upper (southern) end, 23rd Street lacks sidewalks, which together with its slope, curves, berms of snow, and darkness during this winter, have made it particularly dangerous for school children walking along this street, especially in the Garland Park area. Ariel described this danger to pedestrians and said that a sidewalk is needed in this area. Jane recommended contacting Donna Gaukler and the City Council.
- b. Snow removal: Ariel recommended that, if you have too much snow on your street, telephone Missoula Street Maintenance (406-552-6360) to determine what priority zone you are in. [Snow Removal Priority Zones](#) are listed on the Missoula City web site, together with a [map](#). Being informed and communicating may help with timely snow removal if you are on a higher priority street.

8. Neighborhood Priorities: Carol attended the 1/24/2019 Community Forum meeting where extended discussion led to the selection of Affordable Housing and Traffic Issues as top priorities to address. This topic was briefly discussed at the 2/28/2019 Community Forum and will be revisited at the April 25 Community Forum.

9. Announcements: Jane announced the Missoula Urban Demonstration Project (MUD) Earth Day Celebration, which is scheduled on Saturday April 20 from 12 to 4 PM. She circulated a volunteer sign-up sheet inviting participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul B. Kilzer
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